

REF NO: CC 20 78

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF MEETING OF THE PHARMACY PRACTICES COMMITTEE

1. **DATE OF MEETING** - 16 July 2008
2. **MEMBERS** -
 - Appointed by Tayside NHS Board**
Mr A Baillie
Mrs E Baynes
Mr C McMurray
Mr I Wightman
 - **Appointed by Area Pharmaceutical Committee**
Mr L McAllister
Mr K McPherson
 - **Appointed by Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Scottish Division)**
Mrs J Johnston
3. **OFFICERS OF THE BOARD** -
 - Miss J Haskett, Practitioner Services Manager
 - Ms S Macgregor, Head of Clinical Pharmacy, Dundee CHP
 - Mrs L Scobie, Secretarial & Administration Support Officer
4. **APPLICANT** - Mr M Hedley, Scotpharm Ltd
5. **PROPOSED PREMISES** -
 - Unit 3
 - Tulloch Square
 - Tulloch
 - PERTH PH1 2PW

Mr I Wightman in the Chair

6. **PERSONS HAVING MADE REPRESENTATION** - Mr G Brown, Brown Pharmacy Healthcare
Mr P Nightingale, The Co-operative Pharmacy
Mr A D Tinning, R P Blair, Dispensing Chemist
Mr C Tait, Boots UK Ltd
Mr D Davidson and Mr A Gordon
Davidsons Chemists

7. **PURPOSE OF MEETING**

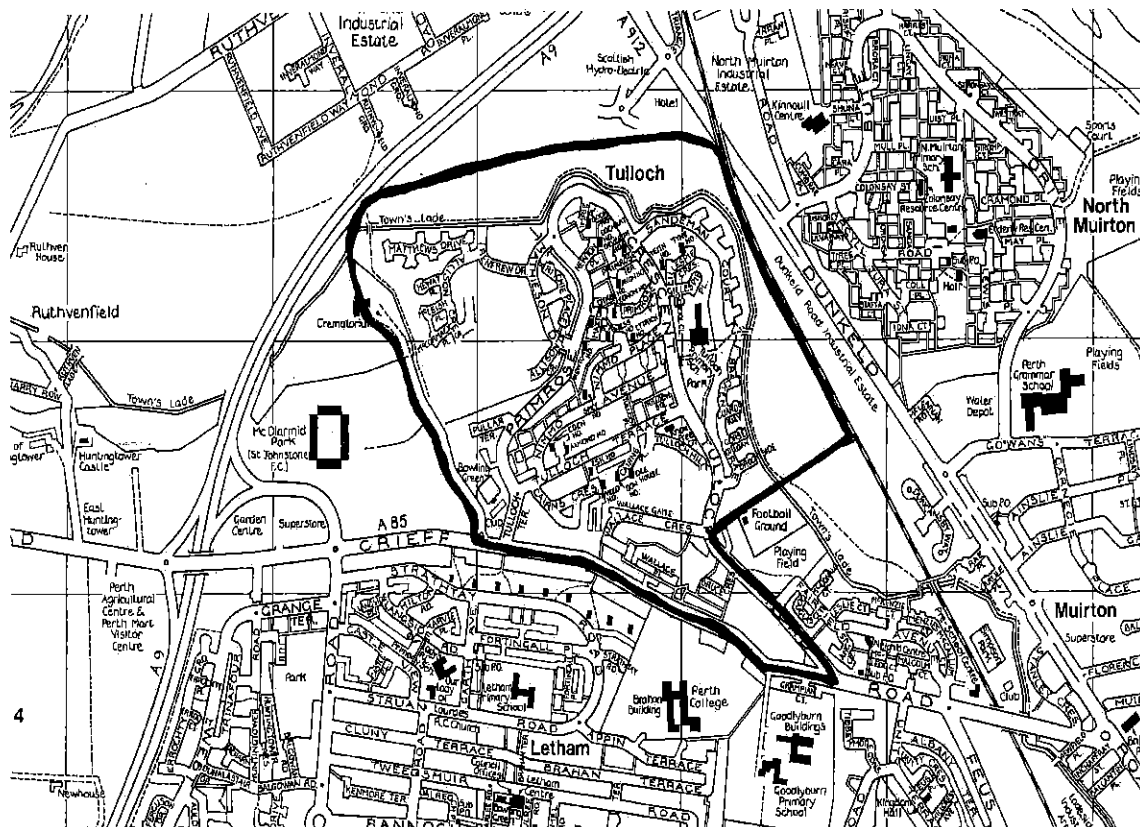
The meeting was called in terms of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, as amended to consider Mr Hedley's application for inclusion in the Board's Pharmaceutical List at the above address. The application is in respect of the dispensing of medicines and supply of drugs and listed appliances as specified in the Drug Tariff.

8. **CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered the neighbourhood to be served by the proposed pharmacy. The members noted that the catchment area outlined by the applicant, extended beyond Tulloch to take in part of the Fairfield community and the areas of Ruthvenfield and the Inveralmond Industrial Estate, located to the north and north west of the A90 city by-pass.

The Committee did not concur with the applicant's description and collectively agreed that the neighbourhood to be served by the proposed pharmacy encompassed the compact residential area of Tulloch, bounded to the south by Crieff Road, to the east by the railway line, stretching in a westerly direction from the railway line to the slip road leading to the crematorium and to the north and north west by the A90 by-pass. (Detailed map below).

In making this decision, the Committee excluded the residential area of Fairfield and the football ground located to the east and north east of Tulloch Road respectively, from the defined neighbourhood.



In considering the adequacy of pharmaceutical provision, the Committee noted that, in addition to the two neighbouring pharmacies located within the close proximity of the proposed pharmacy i.e. in Rannoch Road, Letham and the Asda Store, Dunkeld Road, each of the other eight city pharmacies and nine GP surgeries were all sited in and around the centre of Perth. A frequent bus service operated throughout the city linking all areas of residence to the main amenities. This service was well utilised by residents who had only to travel a short bus journey to access the service and/or amenity of their choice.

The Committee noted that although there was no actual pharmacy sited within the defined neighbourhood, the range of pharmaceutical services currently offered by the existing pharmacies in Perth were not only easily accessible but also included the provision of collection and delivery services and free telephone advice help lines. No evidence had been presented to suggest that the services provided by the existing pharmacies were in any way inadequate and the Committee were concerned that, whilst the proposed pharmacy may be considered convenient to those living in and around the close proximity of the small shopping precinct, the population as a whole would not necessarily choose to utilise this service. The Committee were of the view that, the vast majority of the population would continue to access services from existing providers with whom they have already built up a relationship and rapport and as such, considered the sustainability and viability of the proposed pharmacy to be in question.

In making their deliberation, the Committee noted that they should grant an application only if they were satisfied that the provision of pharmaceutical services at the premises named in the application was necessary or desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were to be located by persons whose names were included in the Pharmaceutical List. All members agreed that the existing pharmaceutical provision in the defined neighbourhood was adequate and that the needs of the local population were being fully met from out with the area. The Committee were concerned that, were it to be approved, this application may destabilise the existing provision of services rather than secure them.

9. DECISION

The members of the Committee appointed by the Area Pharmaceutical Committee withdrew from the meeting. The remaining members unanimously decided that the proposed pharmacy was neither necessary nor desirable in order to secure adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in the neighbourhood in which the premises were to be located.

The Committee refused the application.

Practitioner Services Manager
29 July 2009